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Samar Natives Oppressed by Aguinaldo Ask Protection.

NO FAITH IN TAGALOS

The People Are Half Starved And Are Praying for American Rule.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Mail advices at the war department from Manila state that the natives of the island of Samar are praying for the speedy arrival of Americans and will welcome the hoisting of the American flag.

It is said that as a result of the forcible collection of taxes by the emissaries of the insurgents, who take all they have got, the natives are in a state of semi-starvation. They have no faith in Tagalos and they earnestly desire American protection.

The insurgent leader General Luzban, has bolted to Japan, taking with him \$2,000 collected by him for the insurgents. The insurgents endeavor to force the natives to join their forces, which they will not do. The condition of the island, it is asserted, is rapidly approaching riot and anarchy.

LASTED TWENTY MINUTES.

Filipinos Attacked Gunboat Paragua, But Were Soon Silenced.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The following dispatch has been received at the navy department:

Manila, Sept. 14.—Secretary of the Navy, Washington: Davidson, commanding the Paragua, reports a sharp engagement at Malemao. The vessel was struck many times by rifle shots, but there were no casualties. The Paragua silenced the insurgents' fire in 20 minutes. The range was 600 to 900 yards. The occasion was the capture of a Filipino schooner, which Davidson destroyed.

WATSON. Malemao is in the province of Masbata, south of Luzon and north of Visayas.

ORDERED TO RETURN.

Peace Commissioners Will Leave the Philippines and Aguinaldo Can Have All the War He Wants.

MANILA, Sept. 14.—11:50 a.m.—Colonel Charles Denby and Prof. Doan

Worcester, members of the Philippine commission, have received instructions from President McKinley asking them to return as soon as possible. They will embark on the steamer India which sails from Hongkong September 26. It is not known whether the clerical force will return with them or remain here. The commissioners have just moved into new offices and expected to spend some months working on the establishment of municipal governments.

The Nevada cavalry was unable to sail on the Newport. They will take the next available transport.

DECLINE TO INTERFERE

British Officers at Hongkong Will Take No Action on the Tartar's Detention.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A dispatch to the world from London says: The British local officers have declined to take any action upon United States Consul Wildman's protest against the detention of the American transport Tartar. This leaves the matter entirely in the hands of the Hongkong harbor master, who positively declines to allow the transport to sail with more than 750 soldiers on board.

If the Tartar sails under this restriction a large number of the Kansas volunteers will be left behind. Many of these volunteers have been permitted to come ashore from the Tartar. Some of them met a man named Etzel, who it was said had taught the Filipinos how to use machine guns. There was a row, the Americans threatening Etzel, and he appealed to the police for protection. This was accorded him and the soldiers returned to the ship.

THE TRANSPORT TARTAR IS ALLOWED TO GO.

Is Finally Given Clearance Papers by the British Foreign Office at Hongkong.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The war department received a dispatch today containing the information that clearance papers have been allowed the transport Tartar at Hongkong. It is expected that she will proceed to the United States at once.

It is supposed clearance papers were allowed upon the suggestion of the British foreign office to the British governor at Hongkong that it would be unwise to interfere with American transports. A dispatch from Colonel Metcalf, commanding the Twentieth Kansas, in reply to one sent yesterday, states that the Tartar was not overcrowded and that the food was as good as on the other transports leaving Manila. He said the trouble arose among discharged regular soldiers, who were returning home on board of the ship.

THE INSIDE PASSAGE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—A special to the Record from Norfolk, Va., says: The torpedo boat Talbot will shortly be given a spin through the recently opened Dismal swamp canal, which will form an important link in the system of inland water ways that in time of war are expected to afford safe passage for torpedo boats and other small craft unable to cope with a hostile fleet. On this trip, the Talbot's newly-installed petroleum fuel furnace will be given a test.

CHARLES NELSON CHARTERED.

SEATTLE, Sept. 14.—The steamer Charles Nelson has been chartered by the war department to carry troops to Manila.

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WAR CANNOT BE AVERTED

Final Reply of Volksraad Will Be Unfavorable.

SITUATION IN LONDON

Chamberlain's Attitude is Looked Upon With Suspicion by the Boers.

PRETORIA, Sept. 14.—The discussion of the first draft of the reply to the British note ended this evening. It is understood the government will draw up a final reply in its form tomorrow and submit the same to the Volksraad.

The situation this evening is not considered so favorable as it was during the forenoon.

SITUATION IN LONDON.

Result of the Volksraad Debate is Anxiously Awaited.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—While the staff of the foreign office will maintain a continuous communication tonight with Mr. Chamberlain at Birmingham, it is not believed now that the result of the debate in the Volksraad will be received before Friday.

The dispatches from Cape Town, dated midnight, attach great importance to the articles in Outlook, the organ of the Afrikaner bond, which urges the Transvaal government to renew its offer regarding the conference, declaring that there is no reason why the Transvaal should not accept the conference and calling attention to the fact that the word "suzerainty" is not mentioned by Mr. Chamberlain and that, therefore, there is nothing to indicate obligation on the part of either the government to abandon its views on the subject.

SENSATIONAL RUMORS ARE RIPE IN LONDON.

Newspaper Devices For Selling Fresh Editions—Exposition to be Boycotted.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The news venders have had a carnival of sensations and have placarded every device for selling fresh editions. Dreyfus has been alternately dying and pardoned, and the Boers have been raiding across the frontier of Natal, and suing for peace under a forty-eight hours ultimatum. Mr. Chamberlain's last dispatch has been summarized and printed in detail via Brussels and amended and contradicted. Important particulars are still unpublished. While journalism may not be yellow in London, it would not be the worse for judicious bleaching.

The facts which stand out are the rising tide of English indignation over the Dreyfus verdict and the ebbing force of Boer resistance to British demands, supported by an army of 25,000 men, which can be readily increased to 40,000. The commercial movement for boycotting the French exposition is steadily gaining impetus and is good proof that moral England has ceased to be a sheepkeeping station. Alarm-rumors from South Africa have not created any undue excitement, either in the stock exchange or the government offices. Mr. Chamberlain has demanded all that Kruger was willing to concede, and something more, and has intimated that an answer must come quickly, but he has not closed the door for further negotiations, and it is likely that the Boers will make the concessions required and that war will be avoided. Kruger can retreat safely, since nobody here believes that the Uitlanders will renounce all alliance to the British crown and become citizens of the Transvaal in sufficient numbers to menace the ascendancy of the Dutch burghers.

MICHAEL DAVITT'S VIEWS ON THE DREYFUS VERDICT. Says the Hasty Action of the Civilized World is an Outrage Against the French Nation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—A dispatch to the world from London says: In response to the request of the World correspondent for an opinion regarding the Dreyfus verdict, Michael Davitt wires as follows: "The comments of the American and English press upon the result of the trial at Rennes are a greater outrage on justice than is the condemnation of Dreyfus, even if he is innocent. It is a moral assassination of a nation, for the action of the court-martial, had Dreyfus been a poor man, would have excited no sympathy in London or New York. As it is, the rich English-speaking world works itself into a hypocritical moral rage against a nation that

taught England and Europe the liberty they now profess. Were Dreyfus an Irishman accused of a political crime against England, he would be tried, condemned by a pious jury, sentenced by a political judge and imprisoned among thieves.

"The fact that Dreyfus is suspected of treachery to France is enough to make him a moral hero in England and to cause the British press to use the case as a weapon with which to stab France. Neither England nor America ever ran one hundredth part of the risk faced by France in order to get at the truth concerning one man's act or his innocence. I do not believe him altogether guiltless, but I hope he will be pardoned forthwith."

OPENING OF NATIONAL EXPORT EXPOSITION. Governor Stone Makes the Address of Welcome and Outlines the Policy of the Association.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14.—At the opening of the manufactures exposition today Governor Stone made an address welcoming the visitors, accepting the exposition and turning it over to the mayor of Philadelphia. Governor Stone said:

"The national export exposition is the result of the work of two great Philadelphia institutions, the Philadelphia museum and the Franklin institute. Its object is to increase the export trade of this country. By the exhibition, the country throws down the gauntlet to the world and challenges any and all countries to produce articles as good and as cheap as those here exhibited."

DREYFUS WILL BE PARDONED. Paris Newspaper Asserts That Decree Will be Signed September 19.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—The Matin this morning asserts that the cabinet has agreed to pardon Dreyfus and that the decree will be signed September 19.

DREYFUS VERDICT CONDEMNED. LONDON, Sept. 14.—Jewish alienation day was celebrated here with a Dreyfus demonstration and a procession with a banner inscribed "Dreyfus, the martyr. All the civilized world demands his instant release," marched through Spitalfields.

Chief Rabbi Alder preaching in the great Synagogue, said: "The day Dreyfus was sentenced was more disastrous for France than a Waterloo, and more humiliating than a Sedan."

HAVANA PAPER SUPPRESSED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—Secretary Root has approved the action of General Ludlow in suppressing the Reconcentrado, a paper formerly published at Havana. After the paper had been suppressed, the publishers appeared in Washington and protested to the secretary of war that the action of General Ludlow was an infringement of the rights of citizenship. Secretary Root disposed of it with the following endorsement:

"The Reconcentrado appears to have been a vile publication. Its suppression raises no question of liberty of the press. The government is bound to protect the public in this as well as in other forms. It is to be regretted that persons responsible for the publication cannot be criminally punished."

SHIP HOOKER MAY BE SAVED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—A cable dispatch received from Quartermaster Miller at Manila gives information concerning the cable-ship Hooker, which was wrecked on a reef near Corrigedor island, more than a month ago. It says:

"The position of the Hooker on the reef shows a slight alteration for the better. Bids for saving the vessel and cargo opened September 15. Have sent to Hongkong for appliances."

COLORED OFFICERS APPOINTED.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 14.—Two members of the Twenty-fourth infantry (colored) stationed at Vancouver barracks, have been appointed officers of the Forty-ninth infantry, United States volunteers. They are Sergeant Major William R. Staff, who has been appointed captain, and Sergeant Beverly Perva, of company B, who will receive a second lieutenant's commission.

FUGITIVE M'CONNELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—Police Judge Conlan today exonerated Frank McConnell, the pugilist, who some time ago killed Jim Franey in a boxing contest before the National Athletic club. Judge Conlan held that the contest was held under the provisions of the law.

CONSUL MOSS IS SCORED

Van Wyck Becomes Indignant in Mazet Investigation.

UNLAWFUL DOCUMENTS

Moss Attested Instruments Without Having Knowledge of the Signers Identity.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Mayor Robt. A. Van Wyck occupied the witness chair before the assembly committee investigating the various departments of the municipal government. From the outset the examination of the form of an acrimonious colloquy, in course of which Van Wyck intimated that Moss was seeking to reach a seat upon the supreme bench by pressing a partisan investigation and sneered at the counsel's attainments as a lawyer.

Van Wyck said he would consider the Ramapo Water Company contract when it came before him. "When will it come before you?" asked Moss.

"When I send for it," "When will you send for it?" "None of your business." The witness was not convinced there was any fraud in the Ramapo contract.

Counsel began formulating the question as to the duty of the mayor to remove commissioners who were incompetent.

"Oh," broke in the mayor, "you're talking of removals, and you have been talking of legislating me out. Why don't you go ahead and do it, and not be talking such impertinence?"

Richard Croker followed Mayor Van Wyck. He testified that he had not advised any of the commissioners on the subject of the Ramapo contract. Before he went to Europe last spring a committee of citizens had called upon the witness to urge the need of an improved system.

"What are you going to do in the way of advising these gentlemen in the way of public improvements, after you have made your investigation?" asked Mr. Moss.

"I am not going to tell you. You're not here for fair investigation," replied Mr. Croker.

"You're here for one side and for one purpose only. I've been looking you up, as I said I would when I was on the stand before. I will prove you a man of bad standing in this city. I will give what I know to the press here today. I have here a deposition from the supreme court." So saying, Croker handed a written statement to the reporters.

The statement concerning Moss which Croker gave to the reporters was an extract from an opinion of the justices of the general term of the supreme court in a case in which there was introduced as evidence a deposition attested before Moss and another as notaries public. Moss was examined in court as the authenticity of the signatures of the deponent and witness, but admitted that the document was not signed in his presence and that he only knew the witness through introduction by the principal.

Justice Van Brunt expressed the opinion that the notaries (one of them Mr. Moss) should be criminally prosecuted for attesting instruments without having seen the signing of them and without the knowledge of the signer's identity which the law required.

MURDERED BY HIGHWAYMAN.

SPOKANE, Sept. 14.—Sheriff Cole received a telegram tonight from Fairfield, this county, reporting that H. Sutton was murdered today near that place and robbed of \$200. It is thought that the murdered man was held up by highwaymen. The sheriff and coroner have gone to the scene on a special engine.

COLORADO SOLDIERS WELCOMED.

DENVER, Sept. 14.—The Colorado volunteers were welcomed home today with a demonstration that atoned for the lack of enthusiasm manifested when the regiment departed from this city in May 1898 on its journey to the Philippines.

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